(b) by when the Brahmaputra Board's Master Plan is likely to be executed; and

(c) whether Government envisage to undertake Netherland type measures to check Brahmaputra by controlling its water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Government of India have established Brahmaputra Board for integrated planning of measures for the management of floods in the Brahmaputra Valley.

The Government of India has been extending Central Loan Assistance to the Government of Assam towards Flood Management Schemes. Since 1974-75, Rs. 173.5 crores have been released.

(b) Execution of a master plan depends on funds mobilised by the State Governments concerned and other agencies and the satisfactory resolving of inter-State issues.

(c) The conditions in the Netherlands are vastly different from the conditions in the Brahmaputra Valley.

Survey conducted by nutrition foundation of India

495. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Nutrition foundation of India for assessing the impact of development programmes on the health and nutrition of rural communities, and comparing the health status of tribal, rural and urban slum children; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) The Nutrition Foundation of India had undertaken a study of some aspects of the working of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) in seven regions of the country namely Haryana, U.P., M.P. (Jabalpur), West Bengal (Calcutta), Orissa, Karnataka & Maharashtra The major observations of the study are as under:

1. The U.P.-Haryana studies showed not only that poor communities in Haryana are better off but also that the rural development programmes there had apparently had a better effect on the communities concerned than the programmes in U.P.

2. The rural development programme in Karnataka had not made any spectacular impact on the communities.

3. The Jabalpur-Calcutta studies have shown that the problem of under nutrition among the children of poor communities in the country side has shown no sign of abatement.

4. It cannot be assumed that tribal children are more or less backward than rural children in all parts of the country.

5. Children of urban slums in both Calcutta and Jabalpur were certainly not strikingly better off than their rural counterparts. Urban migration had provided them salvation from proverty and under nutrition.

Termination of Services of Nurses

496. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of some of the Nurses in the Defence Department of the Director General of Medical Services have been terminated after their marriage;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to withdraw the termination order; if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE